with a lique,
Which speedily made him
to rique
With the odor of gin That is quickly sucked in Until quite unable to spique.

When Noah was sailing his arque He never walked out after darque; He knew if he did The world would be rid Of the builder of that noble barque.

But once, just by way of a larque,
He hauled in a mighty big sharque;
To prove this is true
The remains you can view
On the lake shore, just down by Hyde

A PESSIMIST'S SONG

BY ROBERT YULEE TOOMBS. What is worth living for, anyway?

Inventory your sweet by-and-by, Think over to-day and yesterday— What can the world give to satisfy?

Money and wine, and woman and song— There is the lot; they are all fools' toys We prate of right and we prate of wrong. ignorance craves till knowledge cloys

Money and women while sought are dear, Once tasted, bright wine leaves pain be

The sweetest love-song wearies the ear— All life is cruel, and death is kind.

. Elfenstein's Mission

A Remarkable Romance.

BY EMILY THORNTON.

CHAPTER III-Continued. "How that garment came there in that condition, or how that dagger left the case in his dressing bureau, ever remained a mystery to Fitzroy Glenden-

aing.
"All he could conclude, after the deepest study, was that some unknown ene-my had struck the fatal blow, and after stealing these articles from his private rooms, had left the dagger purposely upon the floor, and returned the torn and bloody gown to the closet, in order to fasten suspicion upon him, and thus shield themselves.
"It did shield them effectually, while

the poor, innocent youth was arrested and committed to prison on the charge of murder. "To make a long story short, in due

time the trial took place, and Sir Reg-inald Glendenning, who had succeeded to the title, testified to the bitter feeling that had existed between the brothers. He also identified the dagger and dressing-gown as belonging to the prisoner. "Antoine Duval testified as fully to the

threatening language used to the deceased, on the day previous to the murder by his brother.

"The trial was quite lengthy, but resulted in his acquittal and discharge

from custody.
"But although freed by law, the popular opinion remained unchanged, and, unable to endure the cold, averted looks of his former friends, he left his home and embarked for America under an as-

"Arriving in New York, the strain of how grief that he had undergone so told upon his nervous system that he was laid upon a bed of severe illness.

Then it was that your father sought him out and nursed him so tenderly. After his recovery, he resolved to devote himself to business, and thus forget his troubles and misfortunes.

Things began to mend with him after this and business prospered, and before six years passed away speculation had enriched him that he found himself the possessor of millions.

"Retiring then to private life, he bought this place in Yonkers, in order to enjoy himself in a quiet way. But ill-health visited him; a stroke of paralysis rendered one side comparatively helpless, while the asthma, which he had been subject to for many years, increased to an alarming extent.

"During all this time one wild wish has been his, and that was to solve the mystery of his brother's fate, and so clear his own good name of the unjust suspicions that still clung to it.

"His object was, before this, to have returned to his native place, in some disguise, and so work unknown toward the accomplishment of this desired end.

"But his return was effectually prewented by his ill-health and helplessness. "Lately this wish has become uncontrollable. He prays that he may not die with this stain still clinging to his name. He has therefore decided to ask you to undertake the case for him."

"But," here interrupted the amazed listener, "there must be some mistake. I am no lawyer, simply a physician, and

as such, what can I do "Everything. We think far more than lawyer," replied Mr. Gray. "Of course

would have to sell your practice in New York and settle in England. There, as a growing physician, you would gain the confidence of the people. You would be admitted to places where no one else would, and could study the characters of rich and poor. "Sir Richard Glendenning married, two

years after the disappearance of his brother, the same lady who was to have been his bride, Miss Constance, and they now occupy Glendenning Hall. You will probably be called to attend their family. and so can see the room where poor Sir Arthur met his sad fate, and can study

the location of the place.
"For all this trouble Mr. Rappelye, as we will still call him, will pay you nandsomely. Five thousand per annum shall be yours as long as he lives, and at his death you will, if successful, be munificently rewarded, as his will, still unsigned, can testify.

"Are you willing to serve him as he wishes? Will you undertake the task of clearing his good name of the foul aspersions cast upon it?"

There was a long pause, during which the pale face of the invalid seemed to grow a shade paler under his eager gaze. At length the silence was broken by Dr. Elfenstein, who said, in a calm, steady tone:

"I will undertake it." "Thank you," murmured the sick man, as he reached forth his hand to clasp that of his visitor. "May God bless your efforts!"

"Amen!" was the low response. "I am sure He will. A great wreng has evidently been done, and I bind myself by a most solemn vow to endeavor to right that wrong and restore an honest name to an honest man. I solemnly dedicate myse f to your cause to act for you and let nothing stand in my lawful way in order to unravel this mystery and discover the fate of your unhappy

"For this, your solemn pledge." slowly returned the invalid. "I as solemnly

promise to place in your hands, through eventful way, brightened occasionally my banker, the yearly sum of five thousand dollars, and I will also provide for your future, should my death occur be- she flitted out and in the state-room of fore your task is completed. This will of mise is already dictated, and only awaits | Dr. Elfenstein had not sought an intromy signature. Mr. Gray, I will now duction, as he knew the admiration he summon Mrs. Stebbins and one of my involuntarily felt, while she remained servants to act as witnesses while I write my name to my last will and testa-

Mrs. Stebbins and Harrlet Bevier then placed their names opposite as witnesses to the solemn transaction, and again withdrew, after Mr. Rappelye had desired them to bid the coachman prepare to carry Dr. Elfenstein back to the depot, as he had declined passing the

night with them. "When shall you be ready to leave for England?" asked Mr. Rappelye, as he

held his hand at parting.
"In about one week's time I think I can settle my own affairs and arrange a home for my mother during my absence. I shall take the first steamer I can, and will come again to receive further instructions before I leave, if you wish it." "I do; till then, my dear friend, au

Thus ended an interview which was destined to be the cause of bringing to light events of the most startling character, the development of which would place our hero amid scenes and circumstances so terrible and tragic in their nature that could they have been foretold might have caused many moments of hesitation.

> CHAPTER IV. OUTWARD BOUND.

Dr. Elfenstein did not see his mother on his return, on account of the lateness of the hour, but at the breakfast table he

"My son, good morning," she said, pleasantly, on his entrance; "so you have returned in safety!" "I have; and in a pecuniary point of

view, the visit brought a great change for the better." "Indeed! that is good news."

"From this day I am to receive five thousand dollars annually, as I have entered into an engagement to that

"My dear Earle, you do surprise me!" "I fear, however, my next remark you will not like so well." Mrs. Elfenstein's bright looks faded on

he instant .. "This engagement obliges me to sell my practice, and sail in about one week settle in a country village in England. "Oh, Earle, you surprise me!"

"Mother, dear, you shall have your choice now: whether to accompany me at once, or allow me to board you at your brother's in this city for a few months, until I can survey the ground, and fully establish myself. In case you remain, can at any time come for you, after I see whether it will be a permanent home. Perhaps I shall not care to remain after a few months." There was a long pause, broken at

length by the mother. "Earle, I dread the ocean, and I shall dread a foreign home. Perhaps I had best remain, as you say. It is your opinion that I had better remain?" "If you think you can endure the sep-

aration. I shall dislike it as much as "I know that, dear."

"You like Uncle John's family?" "Oh, yes." "And would be happy there?" "As happy as I can be, away from my

"It may not be a long separation."

"I will hope so."
By the close of the week, Mrs. Elfenstein was comfortably established in a room furnished with her old familiar things, while the son succeeded in disposing of the rest, as well as his practice, and had engaged a passage on the

Oceanica. A short visit was then paid to Mr. ppelye, who gave him full directions how to proceed, and many minute de-tails of the place and inhabitants.

Promising to write weekly, keeping him nformed of every movement, the young man bade him farewell, and in a few hours later was upon the outward-bound

Standing there alone, surrounded by strangers, it is not a matter of surprise that a feeling of weariness and almost desolation crept over him.

With a desperate effort, the young man at length succeeded in dissipating this gloom. He knew full well that it would

not answer to faint on the very threshold He knew, also, that, to accomplish his

work, he must be courageous and brave, so he turned away from his post of observation on deck, and sought the more lively Taking a book from one of the tables.

he affected to read. Presently his eyes rested upon a middle-aged lady, who seemed in feeble health, as she leaned back languidly in

an easy chair, while her pale face and attenuated figure spoke of prolonged offerings, but a patient spirit She was evidently waiting for the ap-

pearance of some person, as her dark eyes continually wandered towards the

Dr. Elfenstein looked at her with increasing interest.

Silently he recalled face after face of his friends and patrons, in vain; he could not place the likeness that had so suddenly attracted him, and his failing to do so caused him both annoyance and chagrin.

Suddenly a brighter look floated into the lady's eyes.
Following the range of her vision, he

was surprised at beholding the most per-fect picture of youthful beauty he had ever yet beheld. It was all embodied in the person of a young girl of about twenty summers,

who smilingly drew near. Small, with a figure exquisitely molded, and movements of perfect grace, a pure, white skin, with the rosy tint of health just tinging each soft cheek, eyes of a languid hazel, large, dreamy, yet full of intelligence and gentleness, a sweet mouth whose tender red lips disclosed, when speaking or laughing, teeth even and pearly white, with, as the prowning beauty of her whole appear-ance, a profusion of golden hair, that uncommon golden shade that is seldom seen, yet never disregarded, on account

of its very rareness.

She spoke, and the melodious accents of her voice filled Earle with delight. He had always placed great stress upon the tones of the human voice being a reflection in a great degree of the nature of its possessor.

"Aunt Gertrude, are you weary? I stayed out longer than I intended, but I could not bear to lose sight of the faintest speck of the land we have left behind us. It has all disappeared now, and 'the sea, the sea, the deep blue sea,' at this noment is on every side, rising and sinking in all its beauty. Shall I lead you to your state-room, auntie? Perhaps it would be as well for you to lie down before you become sea sick and faint." "I feel rather dizzy, now, my love, and

will take your advice." Rising slowly, the feeble woman leaned on the strong young arm of her niece, and so passed to a state-room quite near the one engaged by himself, and the young physician smiled contentedly, that they were to be close neighbors during the voyage.

CHAPTER V THE NEW ACQUAINTANCE. Several days passed in rather an un-

by a glimpse of the young girl, whose name he found to be Ethel Nevergail, as

her aunt, who seemed ill and restless.

involuntarily felt, while she remained

feeling upon a closer friendship.

two should be, at least, friendly.

unknown, might ripen into a warmer

Providence, however, had planned

One rough and stormy day was draw-

ing to a close, when leaving the damp

atmosphere of the deck, where he had passed a couple of hours watching the

leaden sky and the storm-lashed waves,

together with sca-gulls that skimmed

over their surface, Dr. Elfenstein, in

passing to his state-room, was startled

by a low cry of dismay coming from the

room of Mrs. Nevergail, followed imme-

diately by the pale, frightened face of her niece, who, on seeing him so near,

"Oh, sir, something dreadful is the

matter with my aunt. Do you think

"I am one myself. My name is Elfen-stein, of New York. Shall I see her?"

Stepping inside, our young friend ad-

anced immediately to the berth, where

With the greatest sympathy, the Doc-

tor instantly comprehended the situa

tion, and turning quickly to his own stateroom, reappeared with his small med-icine wallet, and at once applied proper

restoratives, which fortunately had the desired effect, and soon the young girl's fears were calmed, and she had the

pleasure of again seeing her aunt com-

immediate danger has passed. But I

will not deceive you; her case is beyond

"Your aunt is better now, and I think

"I know it, Doctor, and she also is well

aware of her condition. My uncle died

in New York a few months ago, and in taking care of him she contracted the

cold that has ended in consumption. Our

family physician, Dr. Munsey—perhaps

you know him as you also are from New

York-thought she might live to reach

the only relatives we have on earth, re-

siding in Liverpool and vicinity. She

was eager to return to her native land,

in order that I might not be left entirely

alone after she is taken away. Do you think, Doctor, that she will survive until

"I trust so. Good nursing often ac-

complishes more than medicines. We

will do all we can, and perhaps the good

alone with her, not a single friend near

"Allow me to correct you, Miss Never

gail, for you see I know your name. You

have one, surely, if you will allow me to

be such to you. Anything I can do, either as physician or friend, rest as-

"Thank you, I shall accept your

The thought that I have one kind

proffered advice and friendship grateful-

friend on board this steamer, in this emergency, is the greatest comfort."

each other, so any time, by night or day,

that I can be of service, do not hesitate

to inform me," said the Doctor, as he

left the narrow quarters. "I will stop in again, in one hour, to see how she ap-

One afternoon as Earle was standing

upon deck looking out upon the vast ocean, he became conscious that a fight

step had approached and halted quite

While hesitating to consider whether

his presence would be acceptable to her,

an exclamation of terror startled him,

stood, he saw that she was striving to

steady herself, being dizzy from a sudden

Springing to her side, he instantly

"Allow me to assist you to a more quiet

"Thank you," returned the young girl,

"I suppose I ought not to venture upon

deck alone, unused as I am to the sea

this restless scene. Aunt is sleeping.

but I am so completely fascinated by all

said Earle, thoughtfully, "without feel-

ing my own littleness, when compared to the all-ruling hand that holds the billows

in its grasp, and rules the winds and

storms. But it seems quite calm again.

Will you not join me in a promenade

The fresh sea-breeze will do you good

after your confinement to the sick-room

Placing her hand once more upon his

arm, the two turned and quietly paced

the deck, while an earnest and interest-

ing conversation ensued, which occupied

Dr. Elfenstein found his young com-

panion an intelligent and brilliant con-

versationalist. Where she was not an

awkward pause could ensue, and the

fascination of her cultivated manners

imperceptibly wove a feeling of intense

admiration around his heart, of which he

was ignorant, until too late to avert

what, had he realized the mischlef it

have made it a duty at once to suppress.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Says Monkeys Have a Language.

Professor Garner, who went from America

into the interior of Africa for the purpose of studying the methods of communication be-tween the monkey tribes, in other words, to

learn the monkey language, has arrived at Liverpool, on his return. He asserts that he has established beyond a doubt that there

is a monkey language, and that it can be learned by man. He brought with him from

Africa two chimpanzees, with which he is

able to communicate.

Professor Garner says that he lived 101

days in a cage, which he had carried into the heart of a forest. This cage was a massive affair that was chained to trees. In

it Professor Garner locked himself daily and awaited the coming of members of the

ape family, when he would try to com-municate with them by means of the sounds be had learned from monkeys in America

and elsewhere. He had with him a phonograph, with which he kept a record of sne sounds made by his visitors. He asserts that his visit to Africa was a great success

in establishing his theory that the monkey

President's Portrait in Mosalc.

Miss Fareedie Flutie, of Beirut, Syria, called on Private Secretary Thurber, in

called on Private Secretary Thurber, in Washington the other day, and left for the President a portrait of him made of mosaic in the ancient city of Damascus. The portrait is about three inches square. The frame is studded with mother-of-pearl, and including the stand, is about four feet high. Miss Flutie says these mosaic pictures are made only by the people of Mount Lebanon who preserve the secret of the art from generation to generation. She sent a photograph

tion to generation. She sent a photograph of Mr. Cieveland to her home, and had the portrait made from it. It took four months to complete it, and cost \$500.

New York City's Prison Population.

The total population of the prisons, hospi-

tals, asylums, workhouses and penitentiary, all under the control of the New York De-

partment of Charities and Corrections, is 13.-

820. The cost of their maintenance the last three months was \$614,892.42.

Will Avoid San Francisco.

family has a language.

would bring to future feelings, he would

"I never look upon a scene like this,"

offered his arm, saying, as she gratefully

place, where motion will not be so per-

"Our state-rooms are fortunately near

Lord will favor us with his blessing." "I pray that he may. It would be terrible to have her die at sea, and I all

fortable for the time.

human skill to cure.

our passage is made?"

sured shall be done."

pears on waking."

It was Miss Nevergail.

lurch of the steamer.

of your invalid aunt."

them for another half hour.

accepted it:

ceptible."

to aid me."

he found Mrs. Nevergail in a fainting

condition, caused by extreme exhaus

there is a physician on board?

"If you will be so kind."

exclaimed:

differently, and had decided that these

MOST BEAUTIFUL AND GRACE-FUL OF WATERFOWL. Swans Generally Pair For Life and Are Very Affectionate Toward

Each Other-Different Spe-



the hearts of all.

found in all but actually equatorial

regions. Two species at least are com-

mon to both Europe and America, be-

sides others more local in their char-

gratory in its habits, though many in-

dividuals will remain, especially in the

more temperate regions, in the same

down with both wings and feet, and

thus proceeding, half flying and half

splashing, for some twenty or thirty

yards before they can fairly raise themselves; after which, however,

they frequently attain a great height;

Franklin stating that he has seen them

in the Polar regions several thousand

feet above the earth. They always de-

scend also into the water, approaching

check their speed at the moment they

"Swans generally pair for life, their

whole behavior offering a beautiful

example of conjugal fidelity. The two

enter the familiar element.

it in a slanting direction, and stretch-

the city parks, and is perhaps ing, and contrasted with

the soft tone of the water, and outlined by the green foliage, creates a picture well worthy a master's hand. Their long, well-curved necks and

an abundant plumage are peculiar characteristics of the swan alone. The Swan. The Mute Swan is that so well-to drink, and, above all, he knows graceful outlines and affectionate re-known upon our lakes and other wa-when he has had enough, and never

A TALK ON SWANS. process of incubation any attempt at management is impossible and danger ous. During this period the birds are so intolerent of interference that even the appearance of man irritates them. All that can be done is to give the old

birds a little grain, and see that their privacy is not disturbed whilst sitting. Domestication would remedy this, and make the birds more amenable to reason and would increase the number of eggs. Considering the size of the birds, the hardiness of the young and but it isn't his fault. He was born swan is a true | their excellent quality, it is much to ornamental be wished that some serious attempt it, and neither am I. In this enlightfowl. It is a should be made to breed them more familiar sight extensively for market purposes. On all lakes of When hatched, if very wild, the cygnets can be fed by throwing coarse oatmeal or grits upon the water, or more univer- soaked ground biscuit may be given in sally known the same manner; but if the old birds than any of its are tame and familiar they will often kind. Its beau- bring the brood to feed from a trough ty is fascinat- placed at the edge of the water, in which the food should be placed, always in water, as in feeding grain to ducks.

The five most commonly known breeds of swans are the Mute Swan, the Whistling Swan, the Black Swan, the Black-necked Swan, and Bewick's

MUTE OR WHITE SWAN.

gard for each other endears them in | ters as an ornamental bird, and is a | stuffs himself sick, like some pampered

once fairly raised in the air, but the smaller, and the neck is considerably Dick secompanies me on all

The Black Swan is the best known

next to the Mute Swan, having been

imported from Australia many years

back. The eyes are scarlet, the legs

black, the bill red, tipped with white

the plumage is rather sooty black

shading on the edges of many feath-

ers into a very dark grey. In the long

and slender neck, and general outline,

it resembles the Mute Swan, but is

breeds freely and the young are hardy.

They are established favorites on our

ornamental waters and in the zoologi-

The black-necked swan is sometimes

worth a little trouble.

native of Northern Asia and Europe. | quadrupeds I could name, He knows

It is the largest and most beautiful of when he is well off, and never attempts

A Queer Pet. writes Laura Schirmer. Mapleson, in the New York Heraldis a white rat, and his name is Dick, There! In imagination I can already see scores of feminine noses tilted skyward, while scornful disdain is depicted all over their pretty faces. But beseech them to control their feelings and compose their features while we endeavor to reason together on the subject. It is true that Dick is a rat, that way, and he isn't a bit ashamed of ened age and generation, on this side of the Atlantic, at least, the mere accident of birth is no barrier to advancement. The mere fact that Dick happens to be a rat instead of something else is no sufficient reason why he should be denied admission within

It will be conceded that the three ssential qualifications in a pet are intelligence, docility and amiability. Dick possesses all these requisites in eminent degree. He knows more in five minutes than most animals ten times his size know in twelve months. He knows enough to do what he is told. He knows what to eat and what

the charmed circle of petdom.

the Spanish colonial settlement of

The Sultan of Morocco.

or Chief of Morocco, wields but a

nominal authority over the Riff

tribesmen, who have been at war with

Although Muley Hassan, the Sultan

T. E SULTAN OF MOROCCO.

Melilla, on the Northern Mediter ranean coast of Africa, he is never-theless the sovereign of that region, and, says the New York Tribune, he will be held by Spain responsible for the consequences of the present war-

Muley Hassan is fifty-five years old. His demeanor is grave and majestic, as becomes a man knowing the importance of his double character, as Emperor and Pontiff, and a successor to the Prophet, of whom he is a de-scendant, His dark eyes are large and expressive. His Moorish phy-siognomy, adorned with a flowing black beard, in which are seen some white hairs, reveals that in his veins runs the blood of the African race, united to that of the Arabs. He shows at the same time in his physical traits the evidence of an extraordinary firmness, mixed with a certain shadow of melancholy and lassitude.

He receives foreign Ministers and shows himself in public with fastidious solemnity. One of the Emperor's servants holds over his head a large parasol to screen him from the rays of the sun. Others are busy fanning him, in order to chase away the flies so abundant in that hot climate; and all look at their lord as if he were a god rather than their sovereign. Edmunde Amicis, who saw Muley Hassan during a reception of the Italian Embassy. describes him as follows:

"A vestment as white as the snow covers him from head to foot; the turban is covered by a high hood; the feet are bare and inclosed in yellow slippers. His horse is of high stature and very white, with green reins and gold stirrups. All this whiteness and the wide floating vestments give him a sacerdotal appearance, a royal grace-fulness and amiable majesty, in accordwith the very gentle expression of his

"The swans," says "Wright's Book It is the largest and most beautiful of to run away. He doesn't get into of Poultry," "like wild geese and long and slender. The bill is red, is quiet and decorous and well-beand the large protuberance at the is quiet and decorous and well-bephysiognomy."
On account of the intolerance prebase black; the eye brown, the legs haved. And, withal, he's "just as and feet brownish or blackish gray, sharp as a rat."

and the plumage all over a pure and He is piously clean. Cleanliness is vailing in the Moorish Empire, function of a religious chief is the acter: but Australia, as might have spotless white. Its voice is very soft next to godliness, and certainly repremost important of those which belong been expected from its isolated po- and low, with a pleasing, melancholy sents the nearest approach to piety of to the Sultan. If he did not show absition, has a well marked species of tone. Is is not mute, as its name imsolute respect for the Mussulman orits own. Every race is naturally mi- plies. The cygnets when hatched, and always scrupulously clean. He cleans thodoxy of the doctrines of Mahomet, a revolution would soon turn him from himself and does it thoroughly. He for a good while after, are gray.

The Whistling Swan would more appropriately be called the Musical scrubbed and funished like some scrubbed and funished like scrubbed and funished like scrubbed and funished like scrubbed scrubbed like scrubbed scrubbed scrubbed like scrubbed scrubbed scrubbed like scrubbed the throne or gravely compromise his sovereignity. Muley Hassan observes, therefore, rigorously all religious localities throughout the year, only Swan. The bill in this species wants species of pets which are supposed to taking short flights to and fro. Their the protuberance of the Mute Swan, be legitimate objects of feminine affecpractices of the Moslem liturgy. Like all members of his court, he gets up at 3 a. m., in winter as well as in summer, rising appears to be difficult and awk- shorter and thicker than the Mute travels. I don't know of any other to make the first prayers. After that his chaplain reads him some pages in the books of Bokhart, the famous Mussulman theologian, who is, in the opinion of all Moors, the best religious authority after Mahomet.

The Sultan and his Ministers give audiences between 5 and 6 a. m., and it is at such a matinal hour that he receives Europeans. The middle of the day is given to rest and sleep, business being resumed only at 4 or 5 p. m., to stop at the hour of the evening prayer.

Viking Wings for the Hair.

For months past swagger headgear has been frequently seen ornamented by viking-wing decorations, and this sort of pet who could do that withouspecies of trimming is now being adopted as an added attraction to fashmaking himself a nuisance occasion ally. A toy dog couldn't do it, nor a ionable coiffures. Wings for the hair come in all the delicate evening cat, nor a monkey, nor a parrot. But Dick knows how to accommodate himshades and some of them are prettily self to circumstances. He appreciates spangled, producing a glittering diathe fact that there are times when he dem effect. For the proper viking should remain invisible. Ordinarily, coiffure the hair must, according to when on the road, I stow him away in the New York Herald, be piled high a little tin box, which doubtless many upon the head, with a small fluffy but who have seen it have imagined confirm knot in the center. The wings, tained bonbons or candy. My! how which come in pairs, are fastened to some people who have sat alongside of this chignon, one at each side, and are me for hours on a stretch in a railroad bent as the fancy dictates, either closcarriage would have been shocked and ing to a point or spread open, with a horrified had they caught a glimpse of



powers of flight are considerable when and is yellow; it is also somewhat tion.

ward. They almost always, if not in- Swan. Its beautiful voice alone is

variably, rise from the water, striking enough to make its domestication

ing out their broad webbed feet to not quite so large. The Black Swan

birds show the greatest affection for called the Chilean swan. It is a most

cal gardens.

BLACK SWAN.

actual construction.

coarse water plants as a foundation, with immense rapidity, which is worthy which is lined with finer grasses. In of note with a view to domestication. this six to nine eggs are generally laid, which are, of course, very thick bird. The neck is very slender, but in shell, and generally of a dirty white not long. It is said to be very shy color, sometimes dirty pale green. and timid in captivity, and we believe The time of incubation has been dif- has never bred in such circumstances ferently stated, but we believe Bech- it is indeed very difficult to obtain any stein to be right in fixing it at thirty- of the rarer swans in pairs, the speci five days, though some say forty-two. | mens captured being generally odd The young when hatched are very thickly covered with down, and are generally taken to the water by the mother when only a day or two old. There they are watched over by both parents with the greatest care until grown enough to provide for them-

selves. In the care and raising of swans Owing to numerous desertions no British war vessels are to enter the barbor of San very little can be said. During the club in existence.

each other, always swimming in com- | beautiful bird and is imported from pany, and caressing each other with South America. Their eyes are brown, their bills and necks in the most in- the bill lead color, with the protuberteresting manner, though, of course, ance (which is strongly marked in this the male is the most powerful and species) red; the legs reddish-orange. courageous. Both birds help to prepare the nest, the male chiefly gather- head and neck, which are jet black, all ing the materials, while the female but a narrow streak of white across seems to take the chief part in the the eye. In swimming the neck is held nearly straight, like that of a "A swan's nest is an enormous affair, goose, not curved, as in most other being built up of a large mass of swans. The young are said to grow

> Bewick's swan is a still smaller white birds which have been wounded .-American Farmer.

The paper money issued by the first French Republic fell to less than one per cent. A pair of boots cost 7500 francs; a pound of butter, 750.

The Highland Agricultural Society of Edinburgh is the oldest agricultural

Easy Electrical Experiment. Take a glass, expose it to the fire so that it shall be perfectly dry and place it upside down upon a table. Afterward take a tray, perfectly dry, and place it upon the glass in such a way that it shall preserve its equilibrium. Finally take a sheet of paper, slightly smaller than the tray, heat it and rub it rapidly with a brush and it will become quickly electrified. Then place it upon the tray. An electrical machine will thus have

its contents. But I am a woman's

rights woman, to the extent, at least,

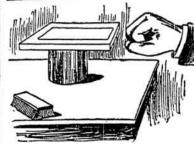
of believing that every woman has the

right to choose her own pets. And I

never intend to apologize for Dick.

A QUEER PET.

een constructed without any expense. If the finger be brought near the tray spark will appear. This spark will be so much the brighter and the series of sparks will be so much the longer in



A SIMPLE ELECTRICAL MACHINE. proportion as the glass and tray are

If, while the sparks are being drawn from the tray, the room be darkened, these sparks will appear extremely brilliant.

Stanford University is the most heavily endowed educational institution in the United States. Columbia stands second.

bird-on-the-wing effect. More than

two are never worn. A gathering of viking belles at a fashionable danco this season will suggest a caucus of idealized feminine Indians or a flight. of rare and radiant birds.

The Antiquity of Wigs.

A passage in Polybius has been cited to prove that Hannibal wore a wig. They were probably invented about the time of the first Roman emperor, for we are told that Otho had a scalp of fine leather with locks of hair upon it so well arranged as to seem natural. When wigs were introduced into England the clergy inveighed against them as being indecent and unnatural, and even cut their own hair shorter to express their abhorrence of the fashion. -Illustrated London News.